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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

	In re the Application of: Abdul-Ridha, et al.)
	Serial No.:)
	Filed:) Group Art Unit:)
	For: "Improved Structures Based on Ceramic Tantalum Nitride"	,))
II II ff Mich Beal Beal	This is a Rule 1.53(b) divisional of the parent United States application entitled "Method for Fabrication of Ceramic Tantalum Nitride and Improved Structures Based Thereon," Serial No. 09/512,397 filed February 24, 2000, and assigned to the assignee of the present application.	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This amendment is directed to the accompanying 37 CFR §1.53(b) divisional application. This divisional application is classified in <u>Class 361</u>, <u>Subclass 305</u>. The pending parent application Serial No. <u>09/512,397</u> is classified in <u>Class 438</u>, <u>Subclass 710</u> in Art Unit 2831. Please enter the following amendments in the present Rule 1.53(b) divisional application.